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**DELAWARE BOARD OF PHARMACY
PHARMACY TECHNICIAN REGISTRATION COMMITTEE MINUTES
October 16, 2013
CONFERENCE ROOM A
DIVISION OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION
DOVER, DE 19904**

Members present:

Kevin Musto
Matt Maher
Sandy Robinson, R.Ph.
Ann Pyle, Pharmacy Technician
Kim Robbins, R.Ph.
Don Holst

Members absent:

David Dryden, R.Ph., J.D.
Joli Martini, R.Ph.

Administrative Staff:

Theresa Newman, Administrative Specialist II
Eileen Kelly, Deputy Attorney General
Margaret Strauss, Administrative Specialist II

Other attendees:

Alicia Kluger

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Robbins called the committee meeting to order at 11:20 a.m.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Mr. Musto, seconded Mr. Maher to add the review of September 18, 2013 meeting minutes to the agenda. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Musto, seconded by Mr. Maher to approve the meeting minutes as amended. The motion was unanimously carried.

Un-Finished Business

Mr. Musto gave a recap of the September 18th committee meeting.

Mr. Collins, Director of Division of Professional Regulation, gave suggestions to the committee of research to conduct and data to gather prior to presenting the idea to legislators. He suggested engaging with the Pharmacy community for a census, speaking with Pharmacy Techs and businesses on the impact it may have on pharmacy techs and business operations. He also suggested providing a resource component to show related cost and fees with consideration of the Division's internal fund process. Lastly he advised the committee should create a model law to present to legislators as a draft of what the licensure law will include.

Committee members discussed the responsibility for the cost of licensure and renewals. Mr. Holst advised his current pharmacy tech staff are required to uphold a certificate and are responsible for renewing the certificate. However, Corporate initially pays for testing to obtain the certificates.

The committee will continue to discuss licensure of pharmacy technicians. They will create regulation requirements for licensure, taking into consideration how it will impact already certified technicians, educational requirements, licensure requirements, and will review other State's Regulations. They will also reach out to stakeholders including DPS and all licensees for their feedback. The research will provide the pro's and con's if the law were passed. Standards will also be researched using states such as Maryland who already require licensure.

If the law is passed, PTCB will be a contact resource to advise currently certified technicians of change.

Other opposing factors to consider are the structure of pharmacies, considering cashiers in a pharmacy that will have direct access to medications, whether or not they will be required to have a license.

At the next meeting, Ms. Kelly will draft a letter to be sent to NACDS, ASHP, APHA, and PTCB. Ms. Robinson will define contact with drug/medication. Ms. Robinson and Mr. Musto will reach out to DPS to get their standpoint regarding pharmacy technician licensure and Ms. Robinson will also reach out to DHSP for their standpoint.

All committee members will review Regulation 19 at the next meeting.

Ms. Robbins will reach out to a pharmacy technician to offer a position on the committee to represent community pharmacy technicians.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on November 20, 2013 at 11:00a.m.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Ms. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Maher to adjourn the meeting, as there is no further business to discuss. The motion was unanimously carried. The meeting adjourned at 12:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Theresa Newman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Theresa Newman
Administrative Specialist II
Board of Pharmacy